

COUNCIL MINUTES

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2023



PRESENT

The Mayor – Councillor Patricia Quigley
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Daryl Brown

Councillors:

Jose Afonso	Lisa Homan	Rowan Ree
Aliya Afzal-Khan	Laura Janes	Lucy Richardson
Stala Antoniadou	Andrew Jones	Ann Rosenberg
Emma Apthorp	Alex Karmel	Helen Rowbottom
Jackie Borland	Bora Kwon	Alex Sanderson
Trey Campbell-Simon	Adam Peter Lang	Max Schmid
Florian Chevoppe-Verdier	Amanda Lloyd-Harris	Asif Siddique
Ben Coleman	Ross Melton	Nikos Souslous
Liz Collins	Omid Miri	Dominic Stanton
Stephen Cowan	David Morton	Nicole Trehay
Jacolyn Daly	Genevieve Nwaogbe	Frances Umeh
Andrew Dinsmore	Adrian Pascu-Tulbure	Mercy Umeh
Wesley Harcourt	Ashok Patel	Rory Vaughan
Rebecca Harvey	Natalia Perez	Patrick Walsh
Sharon Holder	Zarar Qayyum	

1. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

7.04pm – Mayor Emma Apthorp, as the outgoing Mayor, took the Chair at the start of the meeting.

Councillor Max Schmid proposed, seconded by Councillor Patrick Walsh, that Councillor Patricia Quigley be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

There being no further nominations, the proposal was formally put to the vote:

FOR:	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST:	0
NOT VOTING:	0

The recommendation was declared **CARRIED**.

7.07pm – RESOLVED

That Councillor Patricia Catherine Mary Quigley was duly elected Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2023/24 Municipal Year, following which she made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and signed the statutory undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

The meeting was adjourned for the Mayor to put on her robe.

7.26pm – The Mayor then made a brief speech thanking her constituents, her fellow Councillors, the outgoing Mayor Emma Apthorp, and her family for their support. She announced that she was appointing Dad's House and Dance West as her charities for the Mayoral year.

The Mayor announced that she was appointing Councillor Florian Chevoppe-Verdier to act as her Consort for the Mayoral year.

Councillor Stephen Cowan moved, seconded by Councillor Max Schmid, that the past Mayor's badge be presented to Councillor Emma Apthorp in recognition of her service to the Council in undertaking the office of Mayor, and in carrying out other associated civic duties as a Councillor, which was unanimously agreed.

Speeches of thanks were given to the outgoing Mayor by Councillors Stephen Cowan and Andrew Dinsmore. Councillor Emma Apthorp accepted her badge and made a short speech.

A vote of thanks was given to the past Consort, Councillor Trey Campbell-Simon, in undertaking his civic role in support of the past Mayor. Councillor Stephen Cowan made a speech of thanks to Councillor Trey Campbell-Simon, who then came forward to receive the past Consort's badge and a gift of appreciation.

The Mayor announced that she had appointed Councillor Daryl Brown to be Deputy Mayor for the 2023/24 Municipal Year and she had appointed Mr Benito Brown to act as her Deputy Mayor's Consort.

2. PRESENTATION BY THE YOUTH MAYOR AND YOUTH CABINET

7.52pm – Niamh Faleye (Acting Youth Mayor), Anastasia Odusanwo (Member of Youth Parliament), and Ealaf Al-Najar (Member of Youth Council) addressed the Council and gave a verbal presentation on the work of the Youth Cabinet and Youth Council.

Speeches on the presentation were made by Councillors Alex Sanderson (Cabinet Member for Children and Education) and Aliya Afzal-Khan.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

8.03pm – Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adronie Alford, Paul Alexander, Sally Taylor, and Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler.

Councillor Ann Rosenberg attended the meeting online. She did not participate or vote on decision items.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

8.04pm – There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES

8.04pm – The minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2023 were agreed as an accurate record.

6. MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.04pm – There were no announcements.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Party Appointments for the 2023/24 Municipal Year

8.05pm – The report on the appointments made by the party groups on the Council for 2023/24 was noted.

7.2 Review of the Constitution

8.05pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

A speech on the report was made by Councill Alex Karmel (for the opposition).

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR:	35
AGAINST:	8
NOT VOTING:	0

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

8.14pm – RESOLVED

1. That the amendment to the Members' Code of Conduct related to The Local Government (Disqualification) Act 2022 in paragraph 6 be noted.
2. That the Commercial Revenue Committee be dissolved, and its functions transferred to Cabinet.

3. That the amendment to the Lead Member for European Co-operation and Digital Innovation position detailed in Appendix 1 be approved.
4. That the creation of the Lead Member for Wellbeing and Early Access to Support position detailed in Appendix 1 be approved.
5. That the proposed increase in paragraph 10 to each Chief Officer's limit for payments made in settlement of claims where the Council considers that action taken by it (or on its behalf) amounts, or may amount, to maladministration as detailed in paragraph 3.6 of General functions delegated to the Chief Executive and Chief Officers (Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions) be agreed.
6. That subject to the approval of recommendations above, the Council's Constitution be adopted for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

7.3 **Appointment by the Leader of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet**

8.14pm – The report on the appointment of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members was noted.

7.4 **Allocation of Seats and Proportionality on Committees**

8.14pm – The report on the allocation of seats and proportionality on committees was noted.

7.5 **Appointment of Chairs and Committee Memberships**

8.15pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR:	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST:	0
NOT VOTING:	0

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

8.15pm – RESOLVED

1. That the Council agrees the appointments of Chairs and Memberships of Regulatory, Policy and Accountability and other Committees under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2023/24, as set out in Appendix 1.
2. This Council also notes their respective portfolios / terms of reference, as set out in the constitution.

7.6 Council Appointments to Local Government Organisations and Outside Bodies

8.15pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR:	UNANIMOUS
AGAINST:	0
NOT VOTING:	0

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

8.15pm - RESOLVED

1. That the Council's appointments to Local Government Organisations for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix 1, be agreed.
2. That the Council's appointments to Outside Bodies for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix 2, be agreed.

7.7 Members' Allowances Scheme 2023/24

8.16pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillor Alex Karmel (for the Opposition) and Councillor Stephen Cowan (for the Administration).

The report and recommendations were then put to the vote:

FOR:	35
AGAINST:	0
NOT VOTING:	8

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

8.21pm – RESOLVED

1. That the revised Members' Allowances Scheme 2023/24 as set out in the report and attached as Appendix 1, be approved.

7.8 Appointment of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

8.21pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The report and recommendations were then put to the vote:

FOR:	UNANIMOUS
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AGAINST: 0
NOT VOTING: 0

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

8.22pm – RESOLVED

1. The Council approves the appointment of Sharon Lea as the Chief Executive and the Head of Paid Service.
2. The Council approves the appointment of the Chief Executive as the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer

7.9 Appointment of Independent Persons

8.22pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The report and recommendations were then put to the vote:

FOR: UNANIMOUS
AGAINST: 0
NOT VOTING: 0

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

8.23pm – RESOLVED

1. That His Honour Judge John Rylance, Mr Tom Babbedge and Ms Dilina Ostborn be re-appointed as Independent Persons for a fixed term of 2 years.
2. That the Council pay each appointed person a flat rate allowance of £504 per annum payable in line with the Members' Allowance scheme.

7.10 Council Calendar 2023/24

8.23pm – The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan.

The report and recommendations were then put to the vote:

FOR: UNANIMOUS
AGAINST: 0
NOT VOTING: 0

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

8.23pm – RESOLVED

1. That the 2023/24 Council calendar of meetings at Appendix 1 be approved.

7.11 The Leader's Annual Report (Verbal)

8.24pm – The Council received a verbal report from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Cowan. The Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Andrew Dinsmore, made a speech on behalf of the Opposition.

8. INFORMATION REPORTS - TO NOTE

8.1 Annual Report of the Policy and Oversight Board and Policy and Accountability Committees 2022/23

8.30pm – Councillor Lisa Homan, Chair of the Policy and Oversight Board, made a speech on the report (for the Administration).

8.36pm – The annual report was noted.

8.2 Special Urgency Decisions - Monitoring Report

8.36pm – The monitoring report was noted.

Meeting started: 7.04 pm
Meeting ended: 8.36 pm

Mayor